



Bon-Secours Habitant Market Place

• If the quaint vehicles of the "habitant" replaced the motor trucks in this picture it might represent the interesting scene on this hill as it has taken place daily here for more than one hundred years. As long as any one can remember the Bon-Secours market has been a lively and picturesque spot in Montreal. Even to-day some of the old two-wheel buggies can be seen here. Seventeenth century French is spoken (also English), and if you decide to make a bargain at one of the interesting stalls you will be thrilled by the vivacious and charming personalities of the "Canadiens." The column seen in the background is a monument to one of England's greatest sailors, Lord Nelson.

Château de Ramezay...

• The vicissitudes of history have been known in full measure by the Château de Ramezay (at right), one of the landmarks of Montreal... Erected in 1705 by the French Governor whose name it bears, it remained in the family possession for forty years. . . . After the Cession of Canada to England, it was bought by the Government in London to be the official residence of the Governor of Montreal.

• When the American forces took Montreal in 1775, the Château was the residence of General Wooster and of his successor, Benedict Arnold, still a loyal soldier of the Revolution. . . . Hither came Benjamin Franklin, Samuel Chase and Charles Carroll in 1776 as commissioners from the Continental Congress to seek French-Canadian adherence to their cause. . . . Their mission a failure, they returned to Philadelphia in time to sign the Declaration of Independence, but left behind a French printer who two years later established The Gazette, now Montreal's leading morning newspaper.



• The Château continued in gubernatorial use until 1848, and was then occupied successively as a court house, an education office, a normal school, a part of Laval University, a circuit court and a magistrates' court. . . . It then became city property and was converted into a museum administered and now owned by the Society of Archeology and Numismatics.